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## Former Dutch Minister of Environment to speak at Aruba Green Conference



Dr. Jacqueline Cramer

The list of world-renowned professionals to speak at Aruba's mega Green Conference scheduled for October 27 to 29 continues to impress. The government has recently announced still another professional who will be one of the elite speakers. One such speaker is Professor Dr. Jacqueline Cramer who was Minister of the Environment in the Netherlands in the former Dutch government.

Cramer was Minister from 2007 to 2010 and had Housing, Spatial Ordinance and the Environment under her watch in the former Balkenende IV go-

vernment. On the 1st of October 2010 Professor Cramer returned to the University of Utrecht as professor to teach "Sustainable Innovation" at the faculty of Geo-Science. As of January 2011 she is also director of the Utrecht Institute for Sustainability (USI). This is the former Center for World Sustainability.

Another speaker at the upcoming Green Conference will be the President of the Board of Directors of TNO, Jan Mengelers. The top official of Goldman Sachs, Milton Berlinkski is another world-renowned speaker at this mega Conference.

During the Green Conference the Aruba Prime Minister, Mike Eman will outline how this small island of Aruba intends to become the first island in the world to go completely green within the next ten years.

His Royal Highness Prins of the Netherlands will be the keynote speaker. His Royal Highness will be speaking on October 29th. For more information on the Aruba Green Conference, please visit the website: [www.greenaruba.org](http://www.greenaruba.org).

## Aruba conduct first regional Seminar on Human Trafficking with ICE of Homeland Security

Aruba's Minister of Justice and Education, Arthur Dowers, extended a warm welcome to Katerina Karousos, Chief of the Exploitation Crimes Unit, ICE Homeland Security Investigations International Division, and a number of noted speakers for a three-day Seminar on Trafficking in Persons, Forced Child Labor, and Child Sex Tourism. This intensive program convened at the Renaissance Convention Center yesterday morning; it will end Friday afternoon, October 21.

The seminar is well attended with delegates from Curacao and Jamaica, as well as law enforcement from Aruba. It was organized by Jeanette Richardson-Baars, National Coordinator Anti-Human Trafficking and Smuggling Task Force of Aruba along with team member Caroline Meaux-Van Tuijn, Senior Legal Advisor to the Ministry of Justice and Education. Both were presenters on the first day of session, covering "Follow-up on TIP recommendations for Aruba" and an "Overview of Aruban Human Trafficking Law/Investigations," respectively.

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## Romney calls China an 'economic threat'

WASHINGTON (AFP) - China is an "economic threat" to the United States and is also building up its military to challenge American naval presence in the South China Sea, Republican presidential hopeful Mitt Romney said yesterday.

Romney, seeking the nod to square off against US President Barack Obama in 2012, said he shared the views of tough-talking tycoon Donald Trump, who has railed against Washington's failure to stand up to China's trade practices.

"We see eye to eye on China," Romney told US broadcaster MSNBC.

"Not only as an economic threat, cultural threat, (but) down the road they're building a very strong military with potentially the intent to dissuade us from sending ships to the South China Sea, military ships," he said.

Romney, the former governor of Massachusetts, is currently second in the field of Republican presidential contenders, trailing Texas Governor

Rick Perry, recent polls show.

Romney had already positioned himself as a possible antagonist to the world's largest nation and number two economy.

Unveiling his economic plan in early September, he vowed to lower taxes, cut red tape and end trade "surrender" to countries like China.

"We're going to have trade policies that open markets for America (and) we're going to clamp down in China when they

cheat," he said on yesterday.

Earlier this month Romney accused China of pursuing an economic development policy that "relies on the unfair treatment of US companies and the theft of their intellectual property."

Romney, who presents himself as a successful businessman, had been the early Republican frontrunner but now trails Perry, although polls show he would be a stronger match against Obama.

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## Aruba conduct first regional Seminar on Human Trafficking with ICE of Homeland Security

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**Katerina Karousos, Chief, Exploitation Crimes Unit, ICE**

The seminar commenced with a comprehensive explanation of the redefinition of Human Trafficking and the steps being taken to analyze and combat this pervasive and illegal subversion of human rights, which, according to keynote speaker Abraham Lee, Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons from the U.S. Department of State, "exists to some degree in every nation in the world."

Mr. Lee explained how in the past, the term human trafficking was usually applied to those being transported and forced into the sex trade, but was broadened in 2002 to not

only define any person induced by force, fraud or coercion to be sex workers, but also to include the actions of "recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision or obtaining a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud or coercion for the purpose of subjugation to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage or slavery;" even if a child has consented, the exploitation of those under 18, for sex or labor, is automatically considered illegal human trafficking and "modern slavery."



**Minister Dowers**

Mr. Lee explained that human trafficking is highly lucrative, dealing in a commodity that can provide long-term service and profit. It is also



**Caroline Meaux Van Tuijn, Senior Legal Advisor, Ministry of Justice and Education**

worth noting State Department recommendations are to effectively combat this activity the demand must be addressed as significantly as the apprehension of those engaged in the practice. He cited one of the great pioneers in the battle against modern slavery, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, who has been highly active in this cause since her tenure as First Lady. The U.S. State Department produces an annual Trafficking in Persons-TIP-Report, which qualifies countries in 4 tiers, according to their compliance with anti-trafficking legislation and efforts. Even the U.S., which is tier 1: Meeting Minimum Standards, "is on the floor, not the ceiling of these tiers. Despite their efforts, trafficking still thrives," noted Mr. Lee.

Afternoon sessions included presentations: "Overview of U.S. Human Trafficking Law/Investigations" and "Money Laundering and Asset Forfeiture in Human Trafficking Investigations" by Katerina Karousos and ended with a Group Exercise regarding Anti-Trafficking in Per-

sons Laws in the United States and the Caribbean.

Presiding as MC was Dave Meadows, a Special Agent with Homeland Security Investigations and part of the Ms. Karousos' team; he thanked Minister Dowers for his presence and informed the gathering "we are not here to tell you how to do things, or that we have all the answers or all the solutions... We are here to build the capacity to conduct investigations with all of you," — meaning the various Caribbean nations and their agencies represented at the seminar. "We have conducted a number of these trainings around the world; your area is an area where our criminals will unfortunately come to exploit your people. We come together and study our capabilities and your capabilities, all with the focus of how we can take that information and put it in a case... eventually we hope down the line to hear that our attaché office has worked a substantive case with you, we have made some arrests, and, very importantly, we have gotten some victims out of a horrendous situation."

Today's sessions continue with presentations by Ashley Garrett, Program Manager, Victim Program, ICE HSI Investigative Support, Rudolfo Wester, Victim Assistance Bureau Aruba and Michel de la Haye, Honorary Liaison



**Abraham Lee, Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, U.S. Department of State**



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## Prominent Cultural Fund Changes name to keep six islands together



Friday, September 23, 2010 was a historic day for Fondo Cultural Prins Bernhard for the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba.

On said date, Mr. Winthrop

Curiel and Secretary Drs. Silvio Jonis, together with Mrs. C.A.P. Baaten and the interim Notary Mr. Miguel Alexander, signed a notarial decree with the statutory changes of the

foundation. This took place in the presence of various board members of the Windward Islands and the ABC islands. Notary Alexander was also present as former member of



the foundation.

The Fondo Cultural Prins Bernhard was founded way back in 1953 as an organization designed to support the activities, projects and publications regarding the history,

literature, visual arts, theater, the care of our environment and the maintenance of our monuments on the six island of the Dutch Kingdom.

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## Raquel Lampe is Aruba's first ever Teacher of the year!



La Salle College's teacher of Culture and Artistic Formation (CKV), "juffrouw" Raquel Lampe has been voted Aruba's first ever Teacher of the Year. This is the very first time that Aruba has a "teacher of the year" award.

In the month of June, this year, the Department of Education introduced the project of a teacher of the year awards. The objective of the project is to create involvement and positive attention to education and recognition for the teaching profession.

Students of all school levels, from the primary school up to the highest school level submitted some 156 teachers as candidates for the award. These teachers, according to the students who submitted their names, consider the teacher to be good at their job of teaching, eager to help students, treat students with respect and treat everyone equally.

On the 1st of July, Day of Education, the Minister of Education, Arthur Dowers announced 5 nominees who qualified to move into the final round for the voting for the award.

These candidates were presented by the press and were

also featured on the website of the Department of Education. Each candidate shared their personal views on their profession as teachers. Online voting by the community followed this. A panel of experienced teachers and other experts interviewed each nominee.

A prepared list of criteria and other pedagogical and didactic aspects were presented from which the judges would make their selection of the teacher who most reflects the criteria. The nominees were:

Cathy Guldmond (Graf Von Zinzendorf school), Emiline Giel (St. Dominicus College), Roslin Kock (EPI), and Sherissa Tsu (Colegio Bon Bini). Students of their schools nominated each of these teachers. However, the passion for her profession was astounding during her interview with the judges, which resulted, among other aspects, in Raquel Lampe becoming the winner of the Teacher of the Year Award for 2011.

In her own words, Raquel said.... "You must give from your heart, that's the difference that students feel if you treat them from your heart. You must love your job. That is what I saw in the teachers who taught me from primary school

up to where I arrived in my education... They were people who practiced their profession from their hearts."

The government is very pleased with the Caribbean Mercantile Bank for the significant role they played in the entire project. Special thanks went to Armin Solognier, Marketing Manager at CMB, and to Jairo Boekhoudt of JDB-Agency, Melanie Lacle and Aldric Werleman of ATV channel 15. Also thanks to Grigg, F&B director of Aquarius Restaurant. To Mary van Kam who provided the musical keepsakes for the teachers. The Teachers College, IPA, and the Multidisciplinary Center (MdC), the team of Judges, school directors, and of course students who nominated teachers were all in line for special thanks and appreciation from the government for their valuable contribution to the entire process of selecting Aruba's first ever Teacher of the Year.

## Friends honored at the Divi Phoenix

Recently, loyal vacationers were presented with honorary titles at the Divi Phoenix Resort, by the Ministry of Tourism as a token of appreciation.

Angie Panten, John and Sharon Ahern Jr, Thomas and Maria Arevalo, George and Lynn Carola, Charlie and Maryann Williams, Helen and Frank Moritz and Rich and Bobbie Budalich were honored as 'Distinguished Visitors of Aruba' while Michael and Nora Coniglioto were named 'Goodwill Ambassadors of Aruba.' The honorary title is given to guest visiting Aruba

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The foundation has been actively involved for the past 58 years giving subsidies to numerous organizations, groups and individuals on all six islands in support of different cultural programs of our people.

In 1986 when Aruba left the six-island constellation, the foundation chose to continue working with the new Aruba. In 2010 when the Antilles was dissolved, again the members decided they should continue to work together. With the signing of the new statutes, the foundation confirms their commitment to continue supporting projects on all six islands as they have for the past 58 years.

The Fondo Cultural Prins Bernhard Regional Caribe (new name) has chosen to remain anchored to their commitment to work together to help achieve the very best for the residents of all our six islands.

## Aruba Recruitment Event in full preparation for its soon launch in Rotterdam

ORANJESTAD -- The Flinx Company is in full swing preparing for the major event of the recruitment of Arubans living abroad.

The Aruba Recruitment Event (ARE) is scheduled to take place in Rotterdam, the Netherlands in the month of December.

Last August and September the ARE team gave various presentations to groups of people here who are interested in bringing Arubans back to Aruba to work. The Team is

now back in the Netherlands focusing on organizations there and promoting the program to students and Aruban professionals in Holland.

There is a great deal of interest from the Aruban community for the ARE event. Prime Minister Eman expressed on various occasions his enthusiasm for the event and together with his government supports the initiative.

The management of Romar Trading is convinced that it is important to participate at the

ARE because many Arubans go to Holland to study and we ought to go and find out what they are thinking about returning to Aruba after their studies in Holland.

The Manager of FATUM is also convinced that this is an excellent initiative, which can truly benefit us here. Fatum views this as an excellent opportunity to obtain new information and to have personal contact with our professionals in Holland, to network and to invest in our human capital.

ARE is scheduled to take place on December 3 and 4 in Rotterdam in the renowned BUIERS-WTC Rotterdam. The Job Fair will take place on the 3rd of December where booths will be available for companies and organizations, as well as booths for information and a CV Checkpoint.

On the 4th of December professionals and students will have the opportunity to interview companies and participating organizations of their choosing. Obviously, a one-on-

one interview will afford a much better opportunity to get to know each other well.

Candidates are required to register to participate in the workshops or the interviews. This can be done online at [www.arubarecruitmentevent.com](http://www.arubarecruitmentevent.com). All information is available on their website. Companies or organizations interested in participating should contact Flinx by sending an email to [info@flinx.biz](mailto:info@flinx.biz). There are various ways to participate in the ARE event.

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## Top firms join Obama jobs plan for veterans

HAMPTON (AFP) - President Barack Obama challenged Republicans yesterday to help put war heroes to work, as his wife Michelle unveiled corporate pledges to create 25,000 jobs for veterans and spouses.

Obama, on the latest leg of his bus tour through key 2012 swing states Virginia and North Carolina, made a new pitch for a \$447 billion jobs scheme which was blocked by the Senate, as he now seeks to pass the bill in pieces.

"There are far too many veterans who are coming home and having to struggle to find a job worthy of their talents," Obama said at a military base in the state of Virginia, which will be a key battleground in his reelection bid.

The president noted that when he unveiled his jobs plan in a joint session of Congress in September, members of both parties stood to applaud, and said he hoped a similarly bipartisan spirit would prevail when votes are taken.

"Don't just applaud about it -- vote for it," he said, drawing approval from an audience of several thousand service personnel.

"Standing up for our veterans is not a Democratic responsibility or a Republican

responsibility; it is an American responsibility."

In September, Eric Cantor, leader of the Republican majority in the House of Representatives said there was a chance for "meaningful and significant progress" on assisting veterans find work after the battlefield.

But Republicans are blocking a series of other provisions from the bill, and the fate of a \$35 billion package to help cash-strapped states forced to lay off teachers and emergency workers remains unclear in the Senate.

Alongside Obama yesterday, the First Lady announced a commitment by 270 firms, including Coca-Cola and Unilever, to hire 25,000 military veterans and their spouses over the next two years.

The initiative, under the auspices of the American Logistics Association, is intended to take aim at unemployment rates among military veterans which top the already high national jobless rate of 9.1 percent.

The unemployment rate for veterans who have returned from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan in September was 11.7 percent, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

## Thai PM appeals for unity amid flood crisis

THAILAND, Bang Bua Thong -- A local resident makes a barbecue in floodwaters as water levels rose after a mud and sandbag wall collapsed in Bang Bua Thong in Nonthaburi province, suburban Bangkok.

Thailand's premier urged the kingdom's rival political factions on October 19 to work together to tackle the worst floods in decades, as the opposition called on her to declare a state of emergency.

Authorities in the low-lying capital have been racing to reinforce barriers with sandbags in an attempt to



protect the city of 12 million people. Bangkok governor Sukhumbhand Paribatra warned that seven districts in

northern and eastern Bangkok were at risk of inundation because of a broken dyke. (AFP PHOTO)

## French Somali hostage Dedieu dead, officials believe



Marie Dedieu

The handicapped French woman who was kidnapped in Kenya on 1 October is dead, the French foreign ministry announced yesterday. The government believes that her captors did not give 66-year-old Marie Dedieu medicine that it had sent for her.

Dedieu was suffering from cancer and a weak heart and, although she was disabled, the kidnappers did not take her wheelchair when they grabbed her from her home on the Kenyan island of Manda.

Now the French government's contacts in the region

have told officials that she has died, although without saying when or why.

France is demanding that the body be returned "without conditions".

Dedieu was a feminist activist in France in the 1970s.

She had been living on

Manda Island for 15 years. She and her Kenyan partner, John Lepapa, 39, had returned from France days before she was kidnapped,

leading Kenyan authorities to suspect that the kidnappers may have been tipped off about her return.



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## Dirty packing plant blamed for killer cantaloupes

WASHINGTON (AFP) - A dirty packing facility at a Colorado farm was the likely source of an outbreak of listeria in cantaloupes that killed 25 people in the US since August, health authorities said yesterday.

The food-borne outbreak

was the worst in more than a decade in the United States and has killed 25 people and caused one pregnant woman to miscarry since July, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said.

Although the investigation into how the whole melons be-

came contaminated is ongoing, the Food and Drug Administration has identified several "factors as those that most likely contributed to the introduction, spread, and growth of *Listeria monocytogenes* in the cantaloupes," it said in a statement.

## 125,000 displaced in Mexico floods

MEXICO CITY (AFP) - Some 125,000 people have been forced out of their homes and 500 kilometers (300 miles) of roadways have been washed away in flooding in southeast Mexico, Tabasco state Governor Andres Granier said yesterday.

"We flew over the rivers and municipalities and we can say that Tabasco is practically under water," he told W Radio.

Granier said he asked for federal government aid to help deal with the crisis. Hardest hit was Cardenas, a city of 250,000 which is around one-third under water, according to local officials.

The region, along with nearby Central American na-

tions, have been hard hit by exceptionally heavy rains since July.

Mexico has seen 40 deaths and 400,000 displaced due to floods and mudslides over that period, after a 2010 season that was even worse.

Officials in Central American states of Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Costa Rica reported 90 dead and 700,000 displaced in the past week after the region was hit by as much as 120 centimeters (47 inches) of rain in some areas.

Meteorologists say the rain is caused by two different low-pressure weather systems, the first from the Pacific and the second from the Caribbean.

## More student violence at Chile education protest

SANTIAGO (AFP) - Thousands of students descended on downtown Santiago yesterday for a massive protest march meant to be the culmination of two days of roiling street protests for education reform.

But like other demonstrations of the past two days, the protests degenerated into violence, when hundreds of masked demonstrators began to throw stones at police at the end of the event and attacked a gas station.

Chilean police -- also true to form with their response to earlier violence this week --

answered with tear gas and water cannons.

Youth-led protests began to be seen in the Chilean capital in May, but have been on hiatus for several weeks. The re-launch of the demonstrations comes after talks between the government and student leaders broke down.

The Chilean Students Confederation called for two days of protests with the backing of some 70 other organizations, including the country's largest labor confederation and a teachers organization.

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Prime Minister Mike Eman together with the president of Harvard University, Drew Gilpin Faust.



*Prime Minister Mike Eman*

## Renews Robert F. Kennedy's Commitment to equitable growth in Harvard lecture

Boston, Massachusetts, —In front of a packed hall at the prestigious John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, Prime Minister Eman delivered a powerful and eloquent lecture describing Aruba and its plans for the future. In a lecture that lasted nearly one hour, Prime Minister Eman gave a brief history of Aruba and outlined his vision for Aruba that incorporated sustainability, smart growth and a supreme confidence in the ability of the Aruban people to adapt to any challenge.

Indeed it was an appropriate place for the Prime Minister to share his vision because the Kennedy School has been for over 70 years the global leader in educating and empowering students to meet the challenges of today's world by seeking novel and multidisciplinary approaches to advance the public interest.

In echoing the famous quote of

President John F. Kennedy for whom the School was named, Prime Minister Eman said that Arubans too are not afraid to accept the challenge of being asked, "what you can do for your country" as long as they know their government is sharing the sacrifice and is implementing a viable plan for leaving Aruba a better place to live for the next generation.

He described Aruba's rescue plan in 1986 to overcome the challenge posed by the closure of the Lago refinery and how a new young democracy and its people rallied to move the Island to take advantage of its natural beauty and become a premier tourist destination by increasing the number of hotel rooms from 2,000 to 8,000 in just a few short years.

This strategy worked exceedingly well in its time, but in 2008, Aruba found itself facing another

challenge with the global recession. The new government that came into power in 2009 decided that more hotel rooms were not the answer, but rather there had to be a new focus on quality rather than quantity and, more importantly, there had to be an emphasis on investing in Aruba's people and infrastructure.

The diminishing returns from hotel construction had to be replaced by a policy of smart growth that would create an Aruba that would be a beautiful place for Arubans to live as well as a beautiful place for Aruba's friends and tourists to visit. This simple but powerful thought is at the heart of the Prime Minister's vision.

"Social gains must be made to keep pace with economic gains," according to the Prime Minister. In perhaps the most memorable line of the lecture, Prime Minister said, "We have five star

hotels...I'd like to see five star schools, five star neighborhoods, five star infrastructure and five star homes for the elderly."

Eman described Aruba's strategy which was developed based on national consensus in a "social dialogue" between government and unions, employers and other groups in the island.

It was Aruba's reliance on consensus as a tool to move ahead that captured the attention of the audience as numerous students and faculty asked the Prime Minister how that approach succeeded in Aruba and why was it so difficult to implement in the United States and in other countries that were undergoing so much civil strife in recent months.

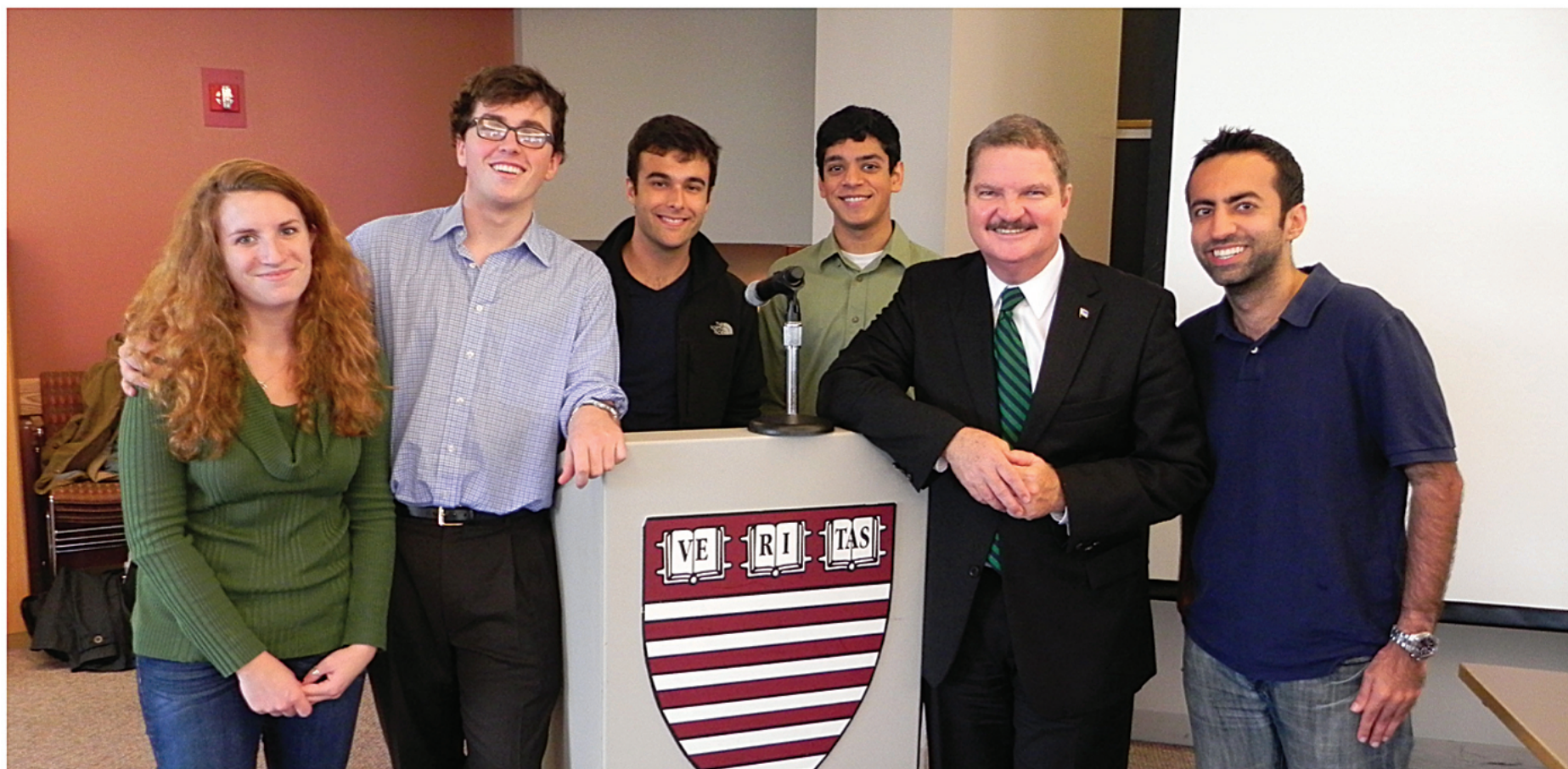
Prime Minister described Aruba's two-fold strategy. First, Aruba would once again rely on its strategic geographic position

and ties to the Netherlands to be a natural hub and for business between Europe, the United States and Latin America. He joked that he reminds his Dutch colleagues that the strategic reasons that caused the Dutch to settle Aruba 200 years ago are still valid today.

Second, Aruba intends to become a leader in the region by moving to renewable energy and pursuing a strategy of smart growth. He described the impending partnerships with such prestigious groups as Gallup Inc. and the New America Foundation. A representative of the New America Foundation visited Aruba recently and was very impressed with Aruba's efforts to date as well as its plans to move the island in the direction of smart growth, a strategy that the NAF has been advocating for the United States as well.

In elaborating on Aruba's special status within the Kingdom of the





Prime Minister Mike Eman together with students of Harvard University.

Netherlands, Prime Minister said Aruba chose to remain part of the Kingdom because of the nearly 200 year relationship with the Dutch and the desire on the part of Aruba to ally itself with a nation so well respected throughout the world for both its diplomatic and business strengths. The network of embassies and consulates of the Kingdom around the world – and particularly here in the United States – have been of enormous benefit to Aruba, which because of its small size could never achieve such reach on its own. The Kingdom also provides defense for the small island. “Aruba has the best of both worlds,” said the Prime Minister – we have autonomy in our internal affairs but also have the support of the Kingdom in defense and diplomatic matters.

Prime Minister firmly stated his belief in the need for strong partners in constitutional, political as well as business realms. He described his efforts when he assumed office in 2009 to reach out to strategic partners that had left the Island in the preceding years and to convince them to return to Aruba; he succeeded in the return of such key partners as KLM, Carnival Cruise Lines

and Valero Oil Company.

Another key benefit of Aruba’s status within the Kingdom of the Netherlands is that Aruba follows the Dutch legal system, including the ability of any party to appeal cases in Aruban courts all the way to the Hague in the Netherlands. The Dutch legal system is one of the best in the world, and foreign investors in Aruba take enormous comfort in the stability and fairness of its legal system.

Prime Minister Eman also described Aruba’s aggressive move to renewable energy. He explained that currently Aruba derives 20% of its electricity from wind power, and soon another ten wind mills will be constructed which will boost the electricity generated by wind power to 40%. He noted that Aruba has planned smaller solar energy projects which will generate nearly 10% of Aruba’s energy needs, and Aruba is exploring the possibility of wave energy and other forms of alternative energy. In addition, Aruba is switching its water and electric utility – as well as the Valero oil refinery – to use LNG, which, while still a fossil fuel, is vastly cleaner than fuel oil and will re-

sult in a 70% reduction of carbon emissions.

He also reminded the audience that various economic measurements alone such as Gross Domestic Product fail to take into account and measure those human activities which are truly most important. He quoted Robert Kennedy, who said, “Yet the gross national product does not allow for the health of our children, the quality of their education, or the joy of their play. It does not include the beauty of our poetry or the strength of our marriages; the intelligence of our public debate or the integrity of our public officials. It measures neither our wit nor our courage; neither our wisdom nor our learning; neither our compassion nor our devotion to our country; it measures everything, in short, except that which makes life worthwhile.”

He pointed out the special significance of this quote for Aruba because Robert Kennedy said it in a speech on March 18, 1968, with March 18 being the National Day of Aruba.

He described the Divi Divi tree and how Arubans follow its lessons of working with nature to overcome the challenges of a

harsh and arid climate, and leave nature and the tree for future generations to enjoy. Eman touched the audience emotionally by referring to the previous evening, when he personally gave Mrs. Ethel Kennedy, the widow of Robert F. Kennedy, a sculpture of the Aruba Divi Divi tree in remembrance of the harmony and the social justice that late Robert F. Kennedy always sought and championed.

Prime Minister Eman explained Aruba’s approach in restoring existing historic buildings and streets rather than investing in new shopping malls and hotels, “We have chosen to invest in existing places like downtown areas and schools ... take a street that has lost its appeal and make it attractive. If you restore something, you bring back the shared value to your community.”

Scott Leland, the Executive Director of the Kennedy School’s Center for Business and Government, said of the Prime Minister, “His remarks were thoughtful and inspiring and it’s clear he is a visionary leader who will advance both the economic and social progress of Aruba. It was a privilege to hear him speak.”

Prime Minister Eman also met the President of Harvard University, Drew Gilpin Faust, and congratulated her on the 375th anniversary of the founding of the University, the celebration of which began on the day of the Prime Minister’s lecture. In addition, he had an extensive discussion at the Harvard Faculty Club with Professor Dan Schrag, the Director of the Harvard University Center for the Environment and one of the world’s leading experts on climate change, about the possibility of Aruba hosting a workshop for Harvard professors in Aruba to discuss environmental challenges facing island nations.

Prime Minister Eman states that the goal is to bring a Harvard “think tank” to Aruba in the beginning of next year to examine what Aruba is doing in the area of sustainable growth and what other steps it might take. “We would like Harvard to share its ideas and recommendations with other institutions such as New America Foundation and TNO that also are working with Aruba on smart growth.”



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9. White Cliffs of
14. Medical insurance letters
15. Australian bird
16. Lamblike
17. Rhine feeder
18. Tag for Hughes's flying boat
20. Seize
22. Leftover wrapping paper
23. Electro-luminescent light, for short
24. Punch servers
26. Mendes of "Hitch"
27. Spheres
30. Timeless, to

## poets

35. Baseballer Musial
38. Oversupply
40. Footprints and fibers
41. Red herring searches
44. Member of the birch family
45. Medicinal unit
46. French family man
47. Trumpeted
49. Koteas of "Crash"
51. Twilight, to Keats
53. Toddler's "magic word"
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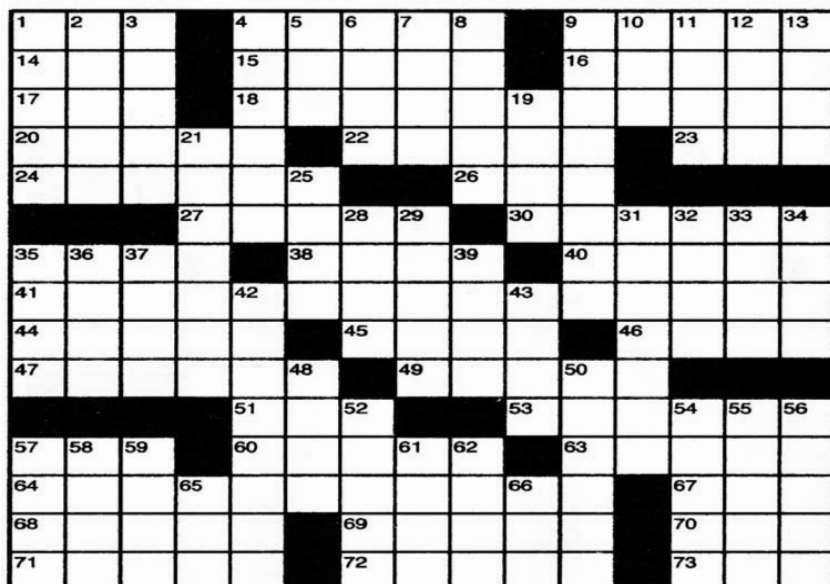
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73. Jack of "Barney Miller"

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2. Iraqi town
3. Hollowed
4. Day for new duds
5. French painter Jean
6. Sailors
7. Fiber from palm
8. Mother-of-pearl
9. Capp setting
10. Egg: prefix

## 11. Stringed instrument

12. "\_\_\_ petit placidam sub libertate quietem"
13. Willis of the NBA
19. Cornice's kin
21. Slung mud, perhaps
25. Lily variety
28. Unsymmetrical
29. "Wake up" girl of song
31. Went by
32. Diversionary measure
33. At no time, poetically
34. Actual being: Lat.
35. Mop
36. Cashbox
37. Swit costar
39. Spill the beans
42. Least experienced
43. Binder attachment
48. Bambi, for one
50. Extraterrestrials
52. Basil's Holmesian costar
54. Nom de crime
55. Fight
56. Poetic Muse
57. Epps of "The Mod Squad"
58. Actress Petty or Loughlin
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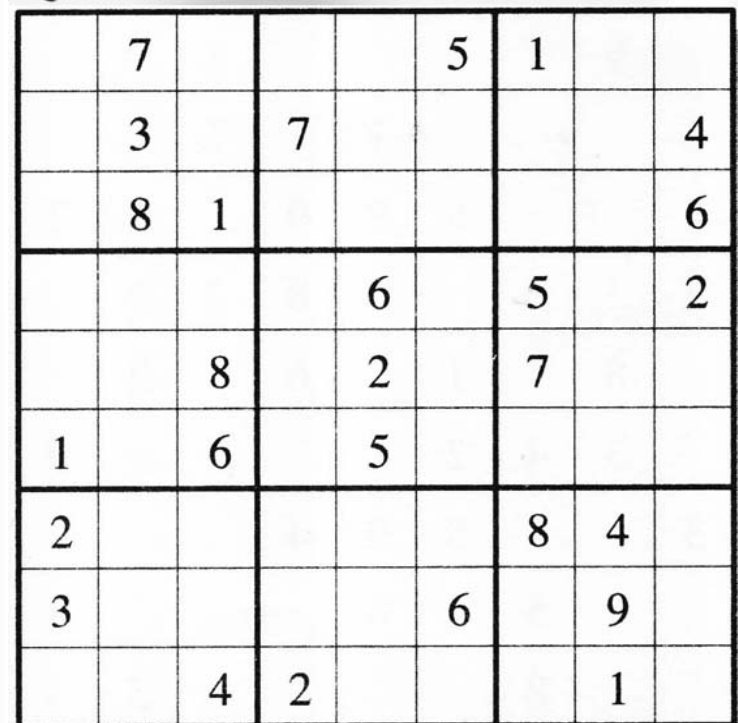
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7	5	6	8	1	7	2	9	4
8	2	1	5	9	6	4	7	3

Complete the grid so that every row and every column contains the numbers 1 through 9  
A number is Never repeated in a row or column.  
In addition every rectangle must contain the numbers 1 through 9



# Finance

## Eurozone strugglers reel from riots, strikes and downgrades

ATHENS (AFP) - Violent protests rocked Greece, Germany lowered its growth forecast and Spain was hit by a credit downgrade yesterday in an increasingly grim build-up to a crunch summit on Europe's debt crisis.

As diplomatic sources said leaders would consider boosting the capacity of their eurozone rescue fund to up to two trillion euros when they meet from Friday, emerging powers added their voice to calls for decisive action.

As French President Nicolas Sarkozy headed to Frankfurt for talks with Chancellor Angela Merkel on the crisis, a general strike and protests in Greece served as a shot across the bows of leaders demanding more belt-tightening.

The sense of despair was best illustrated in Athens where police clashed with protesters outside parliament on the eve of a vote on a new round of spending cuts.

"I can either pay my taxes or feed my children, I cannot do both," Sophia Robola, an employee at a store shutter company, said as she joined the protests.

The authorities said more than 70,000 people converged on central Syntagma Square while unions put the figure at 200,000, making it the biggest such protest to date.

Tear gas blanketed central Athens as police fought to keep control, while thousands of peaceful protesters braved the clashes and remained on the square in front of the Greek parliament.

A battle later broke out outside a row of luxury hotels on

the square and a department store was vandalised by hooded and masked protesters.

A presidential guard sentry box was set on fire near the tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Greece's foremost military monument next to parliament. Four people including two policemen were hurt, according to the ambulance service.

The protests came on the first day of a 48-hour general strike. Unions in Portugal, another country which has had to slash spending to secure loans, also announced a shutdown for November 24.

Greece secured an agreement last year for a 110-billion-euro (\$149-billion) bailout package from the European Union and the International Monetary Fund but it has had to convince the lenders that it is implementing stringent spending cuts to qualify for each loan installment.

Measures taken so far include a rise in the retirement age and major cuts to civil servants' salaries. Plans for temporary lay-offs of many public sector workers should also be approved in today's vote.

EU leaders will discuss new ways to help out Athens at their summit and rubber-stamp the release of the next eight billion euros in loans.

They will also look to strengthen the European Financial Stability Facility (EFSF), which now has 440 billion euros but would need much more if it had to throw a lifeline to other strugglers such as Italy or Spain.

According to one diplomat, the leaders would discuss boosting the fund's capacity to

between "one and two trillion euros."

The source said EU president Herman Van Rompuy had been in discussions with outgoing European Central bank chief Jean-Claude Trichet, the German and French governments and European Commission chief Jose Manuel Barroso.

The weekend summit must deliver "a vigorous response to give guarantees to all countries," Barroso said, highlighting the need to help Spain.

"We are at a crucial moment which can be decisive for the EU," he added.

The alarm was also sounded by India whose Finance Minister Pranab Mukherjee told journalists that "the eurozone is in a deep structural debt crisis" and said there was a belief among the Group of 20 major economies that it should put its own house in order before seeking help from outside.

Reports that the EFSF would be increased helped Europe's stock markets and the euro rally.

London's FTSE 100 index of top shares rose 0.83 percent while Frankfurt's DAX 30 also jumped 0.88 percent.

However the prospect of lower than expected growth in Germany and the downgrade of Spain's credit rating tempered the mood.


Government sources told AFP that Germany would slash its forecast to 1.0 percent for 2012, compared to the 1.8 percent projected in April, when it releases updated projections today.

In Britain, which is not part of the eurozone, minutes of the latest meeting of the Bank of England's policymakers showed a consensus that the economy would fail to pick up in the fourth quarter.

The dire situation in Spain was illustrated by the downgrade late Tuesday from Moody's who slashed its country rating by two notches to A1 from Aa2, with a negative outlook.

On Tuesday, France was also warned its rating could be cut, leading Sarkozy to demand "very important decisions" be taken in the coming days.

"This crisis is going to lead us in the days ahead to take important, very important decisions... Allowing the destruction of the euro would be to take a risk of destroying Europe," said Sarkozy.



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Netherlands	EUR	2.4406	2.4628	2.4876
Sweden	SEK	0.2661	0.2673	0.2753
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MIAMI -- Ondina Doucet sits on a Harley Davidson motorcycle after purchasing it at the Peterson's Harley-Davidson of Miami dealership on October 18, 2011 in Miami, Florida. Harley-Davidson announced that its net income more than doubled in the third quarter. (AFP PHOTO)



PARIS -- Co-founder of the organization "One", Irish musician, humanitarian, frontman of rock band U2, Bono, poses during a meeting focused on G20 and foreign aids on October 19, 2011 at the One's headquarters in Paris.

ONE is an organization that fights extreme poverty and preventable disease, particularly in Africa, by raising public awareness and pressuring political leaders to support smart and effective policies and programs that are saving lives, helping to put kids in

school and improving futures. (AFP PHOTO)

### YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer

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## New photos reveal Taiwan shark fishing: report



WASHINGTON (AFP) - A US-based environmental group on Wednesday expressed concern over new photos that seem to show the killing of large numbers of "biologically vulnerable" sharks by fishermen in Taiwan.

The Pew Environment Group

posted several photos on its website showing dozens of gutted sharks being unloaded from trucks and lined up on the ground, as well as huge piles of fins on the floor of a warehouse.

"These images present a snapshot of the immense scale of shark-fishing operations

and show the devastation resulting from the lack of science-based management of sharks," said Matt Rand, the group's shark specialist.

"Unfortunately, since there are no limits on the number of these animals that can be killed in the open ocean, this activity can continue unabated."

Taiwan announced plans in July to tighten measures against hunting sharks for their fins -- a delicacy in Chinese cuisine -- and have barred fishermen from tossing sharks back into the water to die after sawing their fins off.

A Pew report from January listed Taiwan as having the fourth largest number of reported shark catches in the world -- after Indonesia, India and Spain -- with the four accounting for more than 35 percent of the global total.

The group estimates that up to 73 million sharks are killed annually to support a global trade in fins, and has warned that the rapid depletion of shark populations threatens entire ocean ecosystems.

"This strip-mining of the world's sharks is clearly unsustainable, and governments need to act now if these predators are to swim the world's oceans in the future," said Rand.

The photos can be viewed at [www.pewenvironment.org](http://www.pewenvironment.org).

## Biographers question Van Gogh 'suicide'

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The authors of a new life of Vincent Van Gogh knew they'd stir controversy by disputing the widely-held belief that the artist killed himself with a pistol while painting in an French wheat field.

In "Van Gogh: The Life," a 976-page doorstopper published this week, Steven Naifeh and Gregory White Smith say it's more likely that the celebrated Dutch post-Impressionist painter was the victim of an accidental shooting.

The suspected perpetrators: a couple of teenage bullies obsessed with American cow-

boys and playing with a gun, and protected on his deathbed by Van Gogh claiming an act of suicide.

One of most recognized artists of all time, Van Gogh suffered prolonged bouts of mental illness and depression. He famously sliced off part of his ear, and only sold one painting before his death in July 1890 at the age of 37.

The Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam, which collaborated with the authors, calls the shooting theory "interesting" and "spectacular," but adds it is too soon to jettison the long-held suicide version of events.



An Indian artist Pushpa (C) paints an idol of the Hindu Goddess Laxmi at her workshop ahead of the forthcoming Hindu festival of Diwali in Amritsar. Diwali - the Indian Hindu celebration where people light up their homes with clay oil lamps and decorative lanterns - is celebrated according to Hindu mythology to welcome the homecoming of Lord Rama after his victory over demon king Ravana, and falls on October 26.

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Osso Buco with Risotto

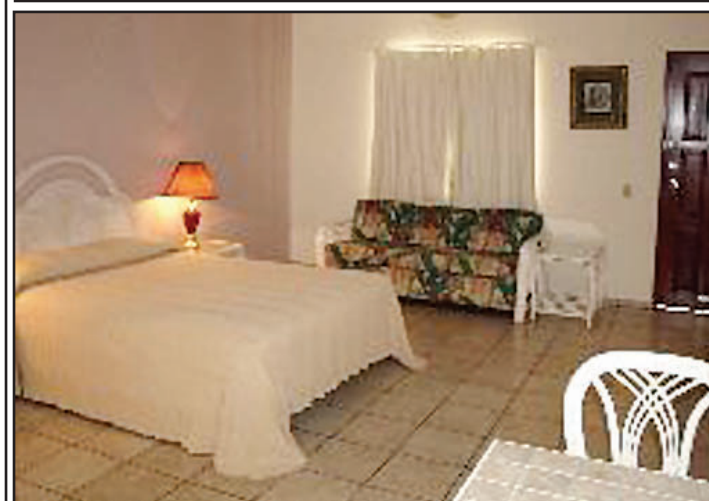


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## Bradley edges Schwartzel for Grand Slam title



SOUTHAMPTON (AFP) - Keegan Bradley, this year's PGA Championship winner, held off fast-closing Masters champion Charl Schwartzel to win the 29th PGA Grand Slam of Golf by one stroke on Wednesday.

America's Bradley settled for a par-71 in a windy final round at the 6,845-yard Port Royal Golf Course to complete 36 holes on four-under 138 while South Africa's Schwartzel, who began the day seven adrift, closed with a 65.

Bradley took home \$600,000, twice as much as Schwartzel, in the two-day, \$1.35 million showdown of the year's four major golf champions. All four players were first-time major winners.

"It was a lot more intense than I thought it was going to be," Bradley said. "Maybe because of the players that were here. I'm sure everybody wanted to win it."

US Open champion Rory McIlroy, who began the day level for the lead with Bradley on 67, struggled to a 75 to take third on 142 while Northern Irish compatriot Darren Clarke, the British Open winner, fired a 74 to end on 151.

Bradley was snubbed for a US captain's choice spot on the Presidents Cup team by Fred Couples in favour of Tiger Woods and US PGA season playoff champion Bill Haas, but showed his major breakthrough was no fluke by hanging on to win.

Schwartzel, who opened with a 74 on Tuesday, birdied the last five holes of the front nine to match Bradley for the lead, then answered a bogey at the par-3 13th with a birdie at the par-4 15th.

The South African holed out from a bunker at the ninth to conclude his birdie run and briefly match Bradley for the lead before the American

birdied the 10th to seize the lead for good.

Bradley had stumbled at the start with an opening bogey and surrendered bogeys on the fifth and sixth as well. He birdied the par-5 seventh and answered the charge of Schwartzel with a birdie to begin the back nine.

Bradley remained one stroke ahead of Schwartzel after both men birdied the par-5 17th and both closed with pars.

McIlroy, who shared the lead with Bradley after a first-round 67, could not manage a birdie in round two but won \$250,000. He stumbled by closing the front nine with three bogeys in a row and dropped another shot at the par-3 16th.

Clarke, who took home \$200,000, birdied the par-5 second and seventh holes but took back-to-back bogeys at nine and 10, another at the 12th and two more at 14 and 15.

## Goalsy Barcelona ... continued from page 16

He and Messi cut their way through the Plzen defence before Iniesta lifted the ball over a defender and finished clinically.

Barcelona were dominating but the second goal escaped them. A move which spanned the length of the pitch saw Villa play in Messi but the Argentine's clipped shot was parried by the keeper.

Pedro was a constant danger but he did not have his usual eye for a goal as he shot over with the goal gaping and then Messi spurned another good chance before hitting the post with a free-kick on the point of half time.

Chances came and went for Barcelona more often than not from the feet of Messi. He wriggled past several challenges inside the box after 53 minutes but was denied by the keeper, and then hit the post after a sublime piece of skill saw him beat one man and then hurdle two more challenges.

Despite pressing tirelessly it seemed as though there were



Barcelona's midfielder Andres Iniesta (R) vies with Viktoria Plzen's Czech Republic midfielder Frantisek Rajtoral (L)

to be no more goals until the Catalan side finally found the back of the net again. Messi was stopped in his tracks in front of goal but the ball fell to Villa who slotted home.



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## NBA: Owners delay meeting so talks can go on

NEW YORK (AFP) - NBA club owners and locked-out players resumed talks on Wednesday to end the 11-day shutdown over money issues with more games likely to be called off should they fail to reach a deal.

Eight hours after ending the longest session since the lock-out began July 1, a 16-hour marathon that ended after two in the morning Wednesday, both sides returned to the bargaining table with federal mediator George Cohen.

No one from either side would comment, citing Cohen's desire to keep matters private, but the fact they were talking at all and for so long was seen as a hopeful sign by those fearful the NBA might lose an entire season.

Cohen, who oversaw talks during the NFL lockout earlier this season, has also handled owner-player disputes in Major League Soccer and Major League Baseball.

NBA commissioner David Stern has already cancelled the first two weeks of the NBA schedule, 100 games between November 1-14, and indicated more games would be lost if the talks did not show progress.

Billionaire owners and multi-millionaire players are arguing over how to divide what had been \$4.3 billion in annual revenues.

But unlike the NFL lockout settled in July, where dividing profits was the only worry, there are financial losses involved in the NBA talks, owners saying that only eight of 30 teams are profitable.

Owners and players each want 53 percent of basketball-related revenues, a term the sides have yet to agree upon when it comes to what income is in the shared pool and what revenues are not.

In the expired contract, players received 57 percent of basketball-related income and they say their offer to accept less amounts to \$1.1 billion in savings over six years for owners.

But players, who have already lost \$170 million in salaries with the games that have been lost, do not want to be forced to take pay cuts to bail out owners for their overspending and poor business skills.

## NFL: Union says no to start of HGH tests on Monday

NEW YORK (AFP) - National Football League Players Association officials said Wednesday they have told the league that they are not ready to agree to begin blood tests on players for human growth hormone (HGH) on Monday.

The league was making preparations to start taking blood samples as soon as next Monday as part of a test programme agreed upon in a July contract deal, tests that US lawmakers have made it clear they want to see implemented soon.

"We informed the NFL yesterday that absent of a collective agreement on several critical issues, blood collection is not ready to be implemented on Monday," the players' union said in a statement. "We have advised the players."

Full tests have not been scheduled because while the NFL and union agreed in July to begin tests, the deal was contingent upon the union agreeing upon the testing

methods, which has been the reason the union has delayed HGH testing.

League and union officials met with US lawmakers last week in Washington, where elected officials stressed they want to see tests start as quickly as possible and side issues sorted out later.

"We are disappointed in the union's response," NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said. "It is contrary to the terms of the (contract) and the agreements reached last Friday with the chairman and ranking member of the House Government Reform Committee."

"We are ready to begin educating players on the testing program and collecting samples. We know of no reason why these initial steps should not begin next week and none has been identified by the union."

Union officials have said they seek more data regarding the reliability of HGH testing methods and are concerned about what threshold should

constitute a positive test for NFL players, who are generally larger and fitter than the general US population.

Regarding the athletes whose data was used to decide what are normal and abnormal levels of HGH, the union contends NFL players might have higher natural hormone levels than other athletes.

The union's stance has been they want assurance the testing methods are safe and the system produces a fair result.

In the meantime, the season continues and players face no HGH tests.

Aaron Rodgers, quarterback of the reigning Super Bowl champion Green Bay Packers who are also the only unbeaten team remaining this season, offered qualified support for tests but doubts union concerns will be satisfied soon.

"I'm all for it as long as it's a test that can be regulated and proved to be very accurate," Rodgers said.

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## Goalsy Barcelona edge past Plzen



Barcelona's Brazilian defender Dani Alves (R) vies with Viktoria Plzen's midfielder Vaclav Pilar

BARCELONA (AFP) - Holders Barcelona ran out 2-0 winners over Czech minnows Viktoria Plzen in their Champions League clash here on

Wednesday.

However, while goals from Andres Iniesta and David Villa maintained Barca's unbeaten record in the group -

they are level on seven points with AC Milan who were 2-0 winners over BATE Borisov - they were surprisingly ineffective in front of goal.

Iniesta broke the deadlock after an excellent move between him and Lionel Messi although it did not open the floodgates as Plzen battled hard at the back and rode their luck with Messi himself hitting the woodwork on two occasions.

David Villa added gloss to the result with a strike eight minutes from time.

Barcelona coach Pep Guardiola has made it his objective to qualify as quickly as possible from the group stage and was true to his word that he would not be resting any of his attacking stars despite a packed fixture list.

Meanwhile, Javier Mascherano came into the centre of defence alongside Eric Abidal.

For Plzen the Champions League has been a whole new experience after they won the Czech League for the first time and it has been a baptism of fire having been drawn in the same group as AC Milan

and Barcelona.

It started ominously for Plzen as Pedro Rodriguez mis-kicked in front of goal and Dani Alves blazed over when both might have scored.

A delightful interchange between Iniesta and Messi led to Barcelona taking the lead

after ten minutes.

Iniesta missed several weeks with a hamstring strain but looked back to his best with his instinctive passing and movement, although he did fade as the game wore on.

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